

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method ~~of treating~~ to treat acne vulgaris ~~[[by]]~~ which method comprises:

- (i) topically applying a composition comprising a green porphyrin photosensitizer and solublizer to skin tissue exhibiting symptoms of acne, and
- (ii) exposing the tissue to energy at a wavelength capable of activating the photosensitizer.

2. (original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the photosensitizer is selected from verteporfin, lemuteporfin, and combinations thereof.

3. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~ wherein the composition has a viscosity at 20°C of from about 50 cps to about 50000 cps.

4. (currently amended) A method ~~of treating~~ to treat acne vulgaris ~~[[by]]~~ which method comprises:

- (i) topically applying a composition comprising ~~[[a]]~~ at least one photosensitizer to skin tissue exhibiting symptoms of acne,
- (ii) removing excess composition from the skin, and
- (iii) exposing the tissue to energy at a wavelength capable of activating the photosensitizer.

5. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 4 where the photosensitizer is ~~selected from a green porphyrins~~ porphyrin.

6. (original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein the photosensitizer is selected from verteporfin, lemuteporfin, and combinations thereof.

7. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 4, ~~5, or 6~~ wherein the excess composition is removed by wiping with dry cloth, wiping with a moist towelette, washing with alcohol, washing with a soap free cleanser, washing with a mild shampoo, ~~[[and]]~~ or combinations thereof.

8. (currently amended) ~~[[And]]~~ The method of treating acne vulgaris by claim 1:
 (i) ~~topically applying a composition comprising a green porphyrin and solublizer to skin tissue exhibiting symptoms of acne, and~~
 (ii) ~~exposing the tissue to energy at a wavelength capable of activating the photosensitizer,~~
 wherein ~~[[the is]]~~ steps (i) and (ii) are repeated until the total number of acne lesions has been reduced by 30% or more.

9. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of treating acne vulgaris by claim 1 which further includes:
 (i) ~~photodynamically treating skin exhibiting symptoms of acne, and~~
 (ii) ~~treating the same patient with topical retinoids, oral retinoids, systemic antibiotics, topical or local antibiotics, oral contraceptives, topical anti-androgens, blue light therapy, laser therapy, or combinations thereof.~~

Treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 9 ~~or 10~~ wherein the non-photodynamic therapy is ~~selected from topical retinoids, oral retinoids, topical antibiotics, topical anti-androgens, or combinations thereof~~ administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one topical antibiotic, at least one topical anti-androgen, or combinations thereof.

12. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 9 ~~[[or 10]]~~ wherein the non-photodynamic therapy is ~~selected from topical retinoids~~ comprises administering at least one topical retinoid.

13. (currently amended) A method ~~of treating~~ to treat acne vulgaris ~~[[by]]~~ which method comprises:

- (i) topically applying a composition comprising a green porphyrin and skin-penetration enhancer to skin tissue exhibiting symptoms of acne, and
- (ii) exposing the tissue to light supplied by a light emitting diode device wherein the device comprises LED's emitting red light and LED's emitting blue light.

14. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 13 wherein the red-light emitting LED's emit in the range 600-750nm and blue-light emitting LED's emit in the range ~~390-450nm~~ 390-450nm.

15-19 (canceled)

20. (new) The method of claim 7 which further includes:

Treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

21. (new) The method of claim 8 which further includes:

Treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.

22. (new) The method of claim 13 which further includes:

Treating the same patient with a non-photodynamic therapy which comprises administering at least one topical retinoid, at least one oral retinoid, at least one systemic antibiotic, at least one topical or local antibiotic, at least one oral contraceptive, at least one topical anti-androgen, or with blue light therapy, or laser therapy, or combinations thereof.